

Maine CRC Meeting Minutes 10/12/2011

Present: MaryAnne Coffin, Coleen Churchill, Elaine Tremble, Jade Gianforte, Ken Gustin, Stephanie Landry, Lindsay Hodgman, Helena Swiatek. By phone: Brad Hansen, Heidi Nelson, Lisa Isbister.

Welcome and introductions were made. New officers for 2012 are Chair - MaryAnne Coffin, Vice Chair - Coleen Churchill, Secretary - Lindsay Hodgman.

SEPM Updates: Helena Swiatek will represent Federal Women Program/Asian Pacific Islander

Jade Gianforte will represent Hispanic/ Black Emphasis Program

Heidi Nelson will represent Veterans program

Seth Jones continues to represent Native American program

Lance Gorham resigned as GLBT SEPM - this position will be left vacant for the time being.

Hispanic & Women Farmer claim process update: Elaine gave an update- Since May of 2011 NRCS is required to provide reports on a regular basis to NHQ regarding what efforts we have made informing these groups of their eligibility for compensation. Elaine is looking to SEPMs for ways to get the word out. FSA is required to do the same and the committee feels we should work together to facilitate this effort.

Diversity Day 2012: Preparing for Diversity day 2012. It will be held on February 16th, 2012 in three locations and will have the same speakers as last year.

Bangor UMO Alumni House Asian/veterans/Disabilities theme

(Heidi Nelson, Stephanie Landry, Elaine Moceus, Mary Anne Coffin, Lindsay Hodgman)

Presque Isle UMPI again – bigger room then last year- room is reserved Black/FWP/GLBT theme

(Helena Swiatek, Brad Hansen, Coleen Churchill)

Lewiston Bates College again Native American/Hispanic theme

(Jade Gianforte, Seth Jones, Lisa Isbister)

Budget estimates for food and speakers need to be set by Dec 15th, 2011. Budget should be \$1,500 - \$1,700 for each location. Would like to have fewer snacks than last year.

Need to make sure food is labeled for allergy purposes.

Business Plan Revised for 2012:

Deleted items out of the business plan that are duplicated in members' performance plans.

Business plan will be updated and reviewed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting is Dec 15th, 2011 State Office Bangor 10:00 am

Adjourned 11:45 am